



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

# OPEN SPACE INSPECTOR

Recruitment Number: 03-103

Salary: \$3812– \$4633/month  
Filing Deadline: Friday, July 25, 2003

### POSITION SUMMARY

The City of Chula Vista is currently accepting applications for the position of OPEN SPACE INSPECTOR. There is currently one opening with two additional openings budgeted for 2003/2004. This position is assigned to the City's Open Space Program. The Open Space Inspector works under the supervision of the Senior Open Space Inspector and the Open Space Coordinator. This position oversees, surveys, inspects and monitors grounds and landscape maintenance contracts associated with the City's Open Space Districts. **This position is currently under classification review.**

### DUTIES

This position oversees, surveys, inspects and monitors grounds and landscape maintenance contracts; performs field inspections and general inspections of landscapes and irrigation systems; attends, performs and conducts "walk through" inspections; creates, composes and inspects "punch lists" of items to accomplished or completed status; responds to phone calls, radio transmissions, citizens, and contractors; reviews, implements and modifies irrigation schedules and programs in field controllers; enforces fertilization schedules; inspects and oversees turf management practices including aerification and renovation; inspects hillside brow channels; inspects and identifies trees for trimming and maintenance; attends and participates in public homeowner's meetings; composes planting renovation and irrigation projects; performs field inspections to verify contractor materials and invoices; performs walk-through inspection of new open space areas; takes photographs and measurements; attends related seminars and conferences; supervises County Probation Department work crews; collects report information; operates City vehicles skillfully and safely; and performs other duties as required. Note: Weekend work and "on call" assignments will be required in this position.

### QUALIFICATIONS

**Education, Training and Experience** – Any combination of experience and training equivalent to: graduation from high school, supplemented by 30 semester units of college coursework in ornamental horticulture, landscape technology, botany, landscape architecture or closely related field work and two years of experience in the supervision of landscape maintenance activities. Must possess mathematical computational and calculation skills to calculate fertilizer application rates as well as the ability to formulate irrigation program schedules based on evapotranspiration rates, precipitation rates, crop coefficients and distribution uniformity. PC microcomputer and software skills and applications related to area of assignment.

**Mandatory:** Valid California Class "C" Driver's License and safe driving record. Must provide a DMV report that is no more than one month old at time of application.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities** – Knowledge of principles, practices and techniques of planning and inspecting landscape maintenance; principles of landscape design; horticulture, turf management, water, irrigation system design and operation; centrally controlled irrigation systems and xeriscape principles; ability to research, collect, compile, analyze and report on contractor compliance; prepare cost estimates; write reports; make recommendations, interact positively with the general public, homeowners, contractors, labor crews, developers and other City employees; ability to use a PC microcomputer, analyze and resolve emergency irrigation system failures; and work cooperatively with others.

**Essential Functions** – A person in this position must be able to traverse, walk, stand, sit, kneel, bend, stoop, crouch, reach, stretch and extend arms (above and below shoulder level) to inspect, observe and investigate landscapes and irrigation systems on steep topography; balance on uneven terrain; operate landscape irrigation systems; communicate with others face-to face or over a telephone or radio; read, understand and interpret technical blueprints, specifications, maps and legal documents; lift and carry materials and equipment in the field weighing up to fifty pounds; exercise sound judgment when interacting with contractors, homeowners and the public; sit for prolonged periods when attending meetings or when using a computer terminal and keyboard.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Candidates whose applications indicate education and experience most directly related to the position will be invited to participate in the selection process. All notifications will be sent via standard US mail.

*The City contributes 8% to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) for the employee. Positions that are represented by the Chula Vista Employees Association will have a 1.92% salary deduction that coincides with the Work Furlough Program. Employees will accrue up to 40 furlough hours between their hire date and June 30, 2003.*

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